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Amendment to the Specification

Page 5, cancel lines 4- 7, and rewrite paragraph [0022] to read:

[0022] It should be mentioned that the use of the sealing gasket 30 -- which serves as a water resistant material preventing moisture from entering the grooves 20 and the continuous sealing channel 24 28 -- is optional. Thus, footwear that does not need to be moisture resistant will not require the sealing gasket.